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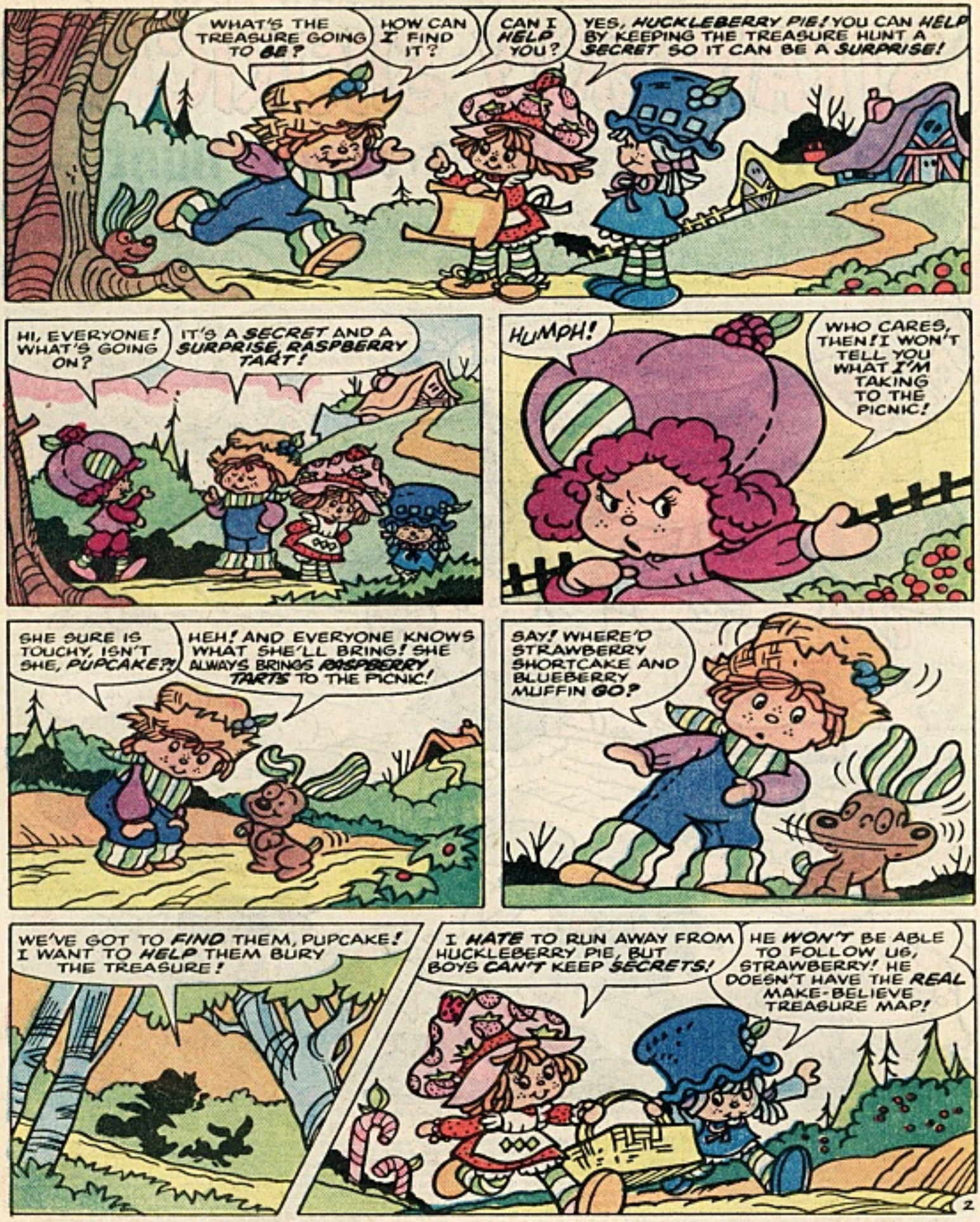
WHAT'S THE TREASURE GOING TO BE?
HOW CAN I FIND IT?
CAN I HELP YOU?
YES, HUCKLEBERRY PIE! YOU CAN HELP BY KEEPING THE TREASURE HUNT A SECRET SO IT CAN BE A SURPRISE!
HI, EVERYONE! WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S A SECRET AND A SURPRISE, RASPBERRY TART!
HUMPH!
WHO CARES, THEN! I WON'T TELL YOU WHAT I'M TAKING TO THE PICNIC!
SHE SURE IS TOUCHY, ISN'T SHE, PUPCAKE?!
HEH! AND EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT SHE'LL BRING! SHE ALWAYS BRINGS RASPBERRY TARTS TO THE PICNIC!
SAY! WHERE'D STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AND BLUEBERRY MUFFIN GO?
WE'VE GOT TO FIND THEM, PUPCAKE! I WANT TO HELP THEM BURY THE TREASURE!
I HATE TO RUN AWAY FROM HUCKLEBERRY PIE, BUT BOYS CAN'T KEEP SECRETS!
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW US, STRAWBERRY! HE DOESN'T HAVE THE REAL MAKE-BELIEVE TREASURE MAP!
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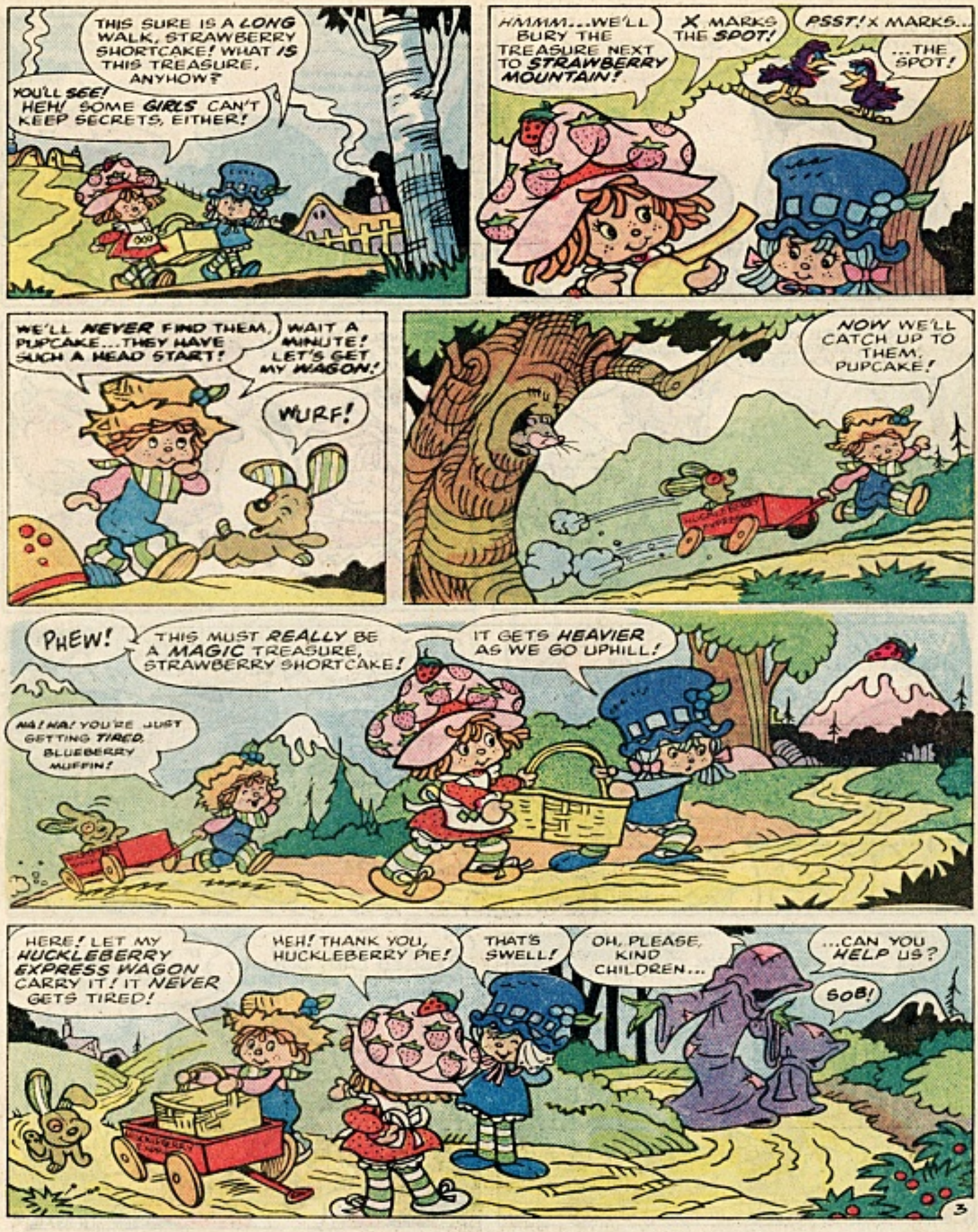
THIS SURE IS A LONG WALK, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE! WHAT IS THIS TREASURE, ANYHOW?
YOU'LL SEE! HEH! SOME GIRLS CAN'T KEEP SECRETS, EITHER!
HMMM...WE'LL BURY THE TREASURE NEXT TO STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN!
X MARKS THE SPOT!
PSST! X MARKS...
...THE SPOT!
WE'LL NEVER FIND THEM, PUPCAKE...THEY HAVE SUCH A HEAD START!
WAIT A MINUTE! LET'S GET MY WAGON!
WURF!
NOW WE'LL CATCH UP TO THEM, PUPCAKE!
PHEW!
THIS MUST REALLY BE A MAGIC TREASURE, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!
IT GETS HEAVIER AS WE GO UPHILL!
NA! NA! YOU'RE JUST GETTING TIRED, BLUEBERRY MUFFIN!
HERE! LET MY HUCKLEBERRY EXPRESS WAGON CARRY IT! IT NEVER GETS TIRED!
HEH! THANK YOU, HUCKLEBERRY PIE!
THAT'S SWELL!
OH, PLEASE, KIND CHILDREN...
...CAN YOU HELP US?
SOB!
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WE'VE LOST OUR WAY AND WE'RE HUNGRY!
SOO-OOO-HUNGRY!
BOO HOO!
SOB!
AUNTY! DON'T OVERDO IT, RAISIN CANE!
YES, AUNTIE SOUR GRAPES!
DO WE HAVE SOME FOOD FOR THEM, STRAWBERRY?
OF COURSE!
OUR TREASURE IS THIS FULL COOKIE JAR! PLEASE HELP YOURSELF!
UM... DELICIOUS!
CHOMP! MAY I HAVE ANOTHER?
BLUEBERRY
HUCKLEBERRY EXPRESS
CERTAINLY! AS MANY AS YOU LIKE!
THANKS, DEARIE!
GRAB!
YUMMY!
CHOMP MUNCH CHOMP!
GOLLY! THEY'RE EATING UP OUR WHOLE TREASURE!
DEAR, DEAR! I GUESS THEY'RE "BERRY" HUNGRY!
AND ISN'T THIS JUST A BEAUTIFUL COOKIE JAR?
IT MOST CERTAINLY IS! I JUST LOVE THIS COOKIE JAR!
I GUESS THE POOR RAGGED LADY DOESN'T HAVE MANY BEAUTIFUL THINGS!
IF YOU LIKE IT SO MUCH, MADAM, PLEASE TAKE IT!
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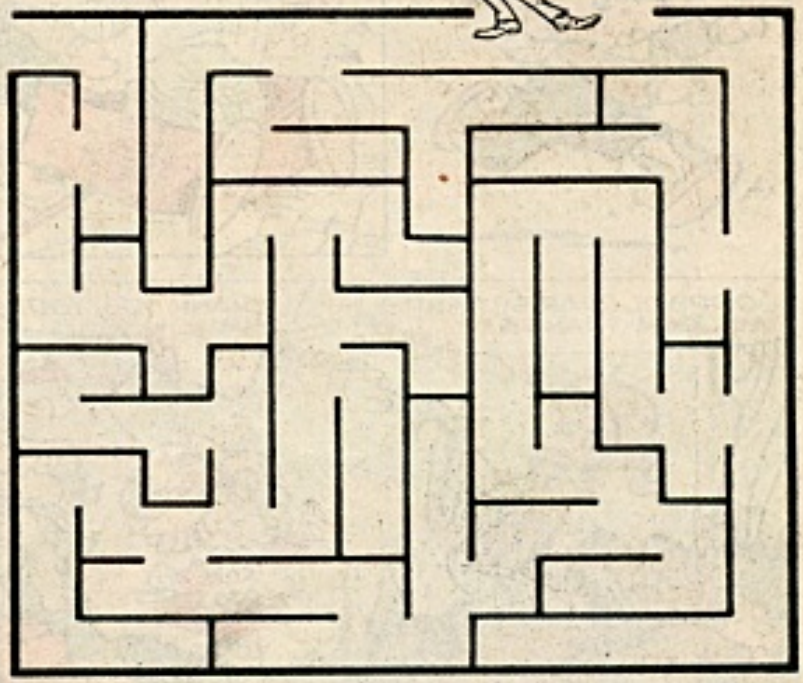

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!
NOW WE MUST GIVE YOU SOMETHING!
OH, THANK YOU, MA'AM!

OOMPH!

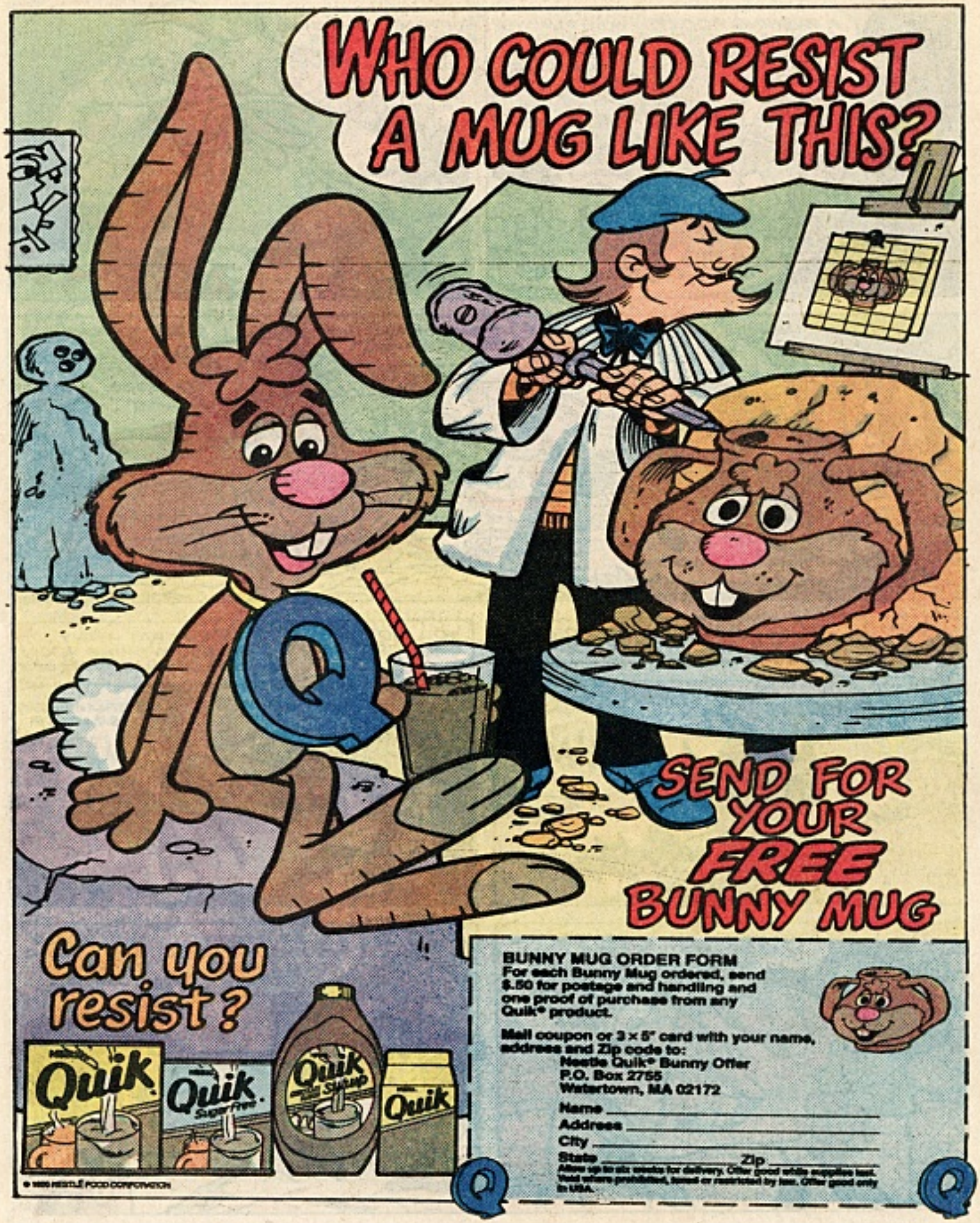
LET ME HELP YOU, STRAWBERRY!

KLUNK!
OOF!! IT'S HEAVY!
AUNTIE! YOU'VE GIVEN THEM YOUR WISHING ROCK!
THEY'VE BEEN SO NICE, THEY DESERVE TO HAVE THEIR... HEH HEH... WISHES COME TRUE!

GOODBYE, DEARIES! AND ALL OUR THANKS!
THANK YOU, TOO!
THANKS FOR WHAT, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE?! A ROCK THAT BROKE MY WAGON?
WELL, NOW WE HAVE A ROCK FOR OUR TREASURE!

WHICH MEANS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP IT A SECRET ANY MORE!
WHO WANTS TO FIND A ROCK?!

DIDN'T THE LADY SAY IT WAS A WISHING ROCK?!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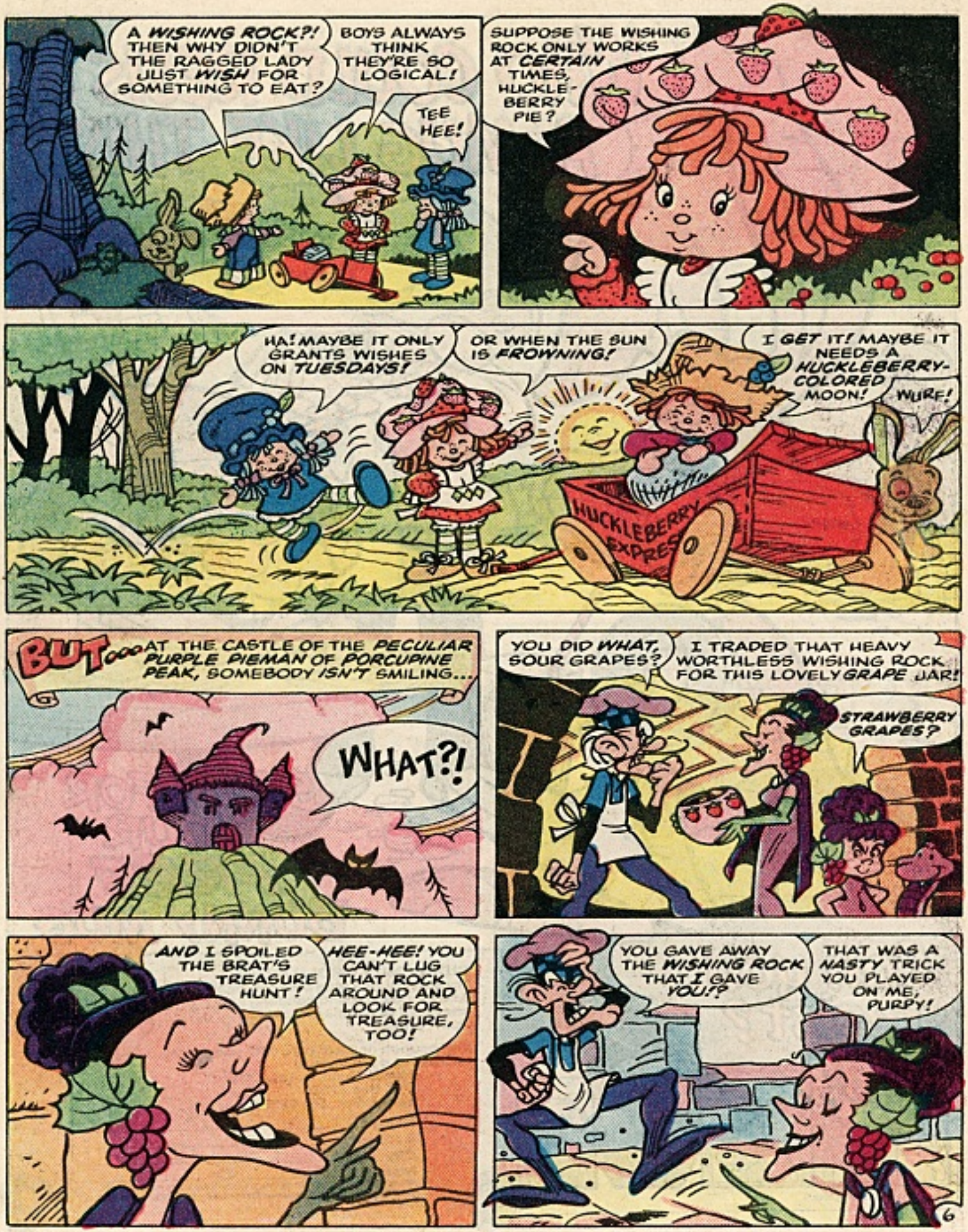
A WISHING ROCK?! THEN WHY DIDN'T THE RAGGED LADY JUST WISH FOR SOMETHING TO EAT?
BOYS ALWAYS THINK THEY'RE SO LOGICAL!
TEE HEE!
SUPPOSE THE WISHING ROCK ONLY WORKS AT CERTAIN TIMES, HUCKLE-BERRY PIE?
HA! MAYBE IT ONLY GRANTS WISHES ON TUESDAYS!
OR WHEN THE SUN IS FROWNING!
I GET IT! MAYBE IT NEEDS A HUCKLEBERRY-COLORED MOON!
WURF!
HUCKLEBERRY EXPRESS
BUT... AT THE CASTLE OF THE PECULIAR PURPLE PIEMAN OF PORCUPINE PEAK, SOMEBODY ISN'T SMILING...
WHAT?!
YOU DID WHAT, SOUR GRAPES?
I TRADED THAT HEAVY WORTHLESS WISHING ROCK FOR THIS LOVELY GRAPE JAR!
STRAWBERRY GRAPES?
AND I SPOILED THE BRAT'S TREASURE HUNT!
HEE-HEE! YOU CAN'T LUG THAT ROCK AROUND AND LOOK FOR TREASURE, TOO!
YOU GAVE AWAY THE WISHING ROCK THAT I GAVE YOU!?
THAT WAS A NASTY TRICK YOU PLAYED ON ME, PURPY!
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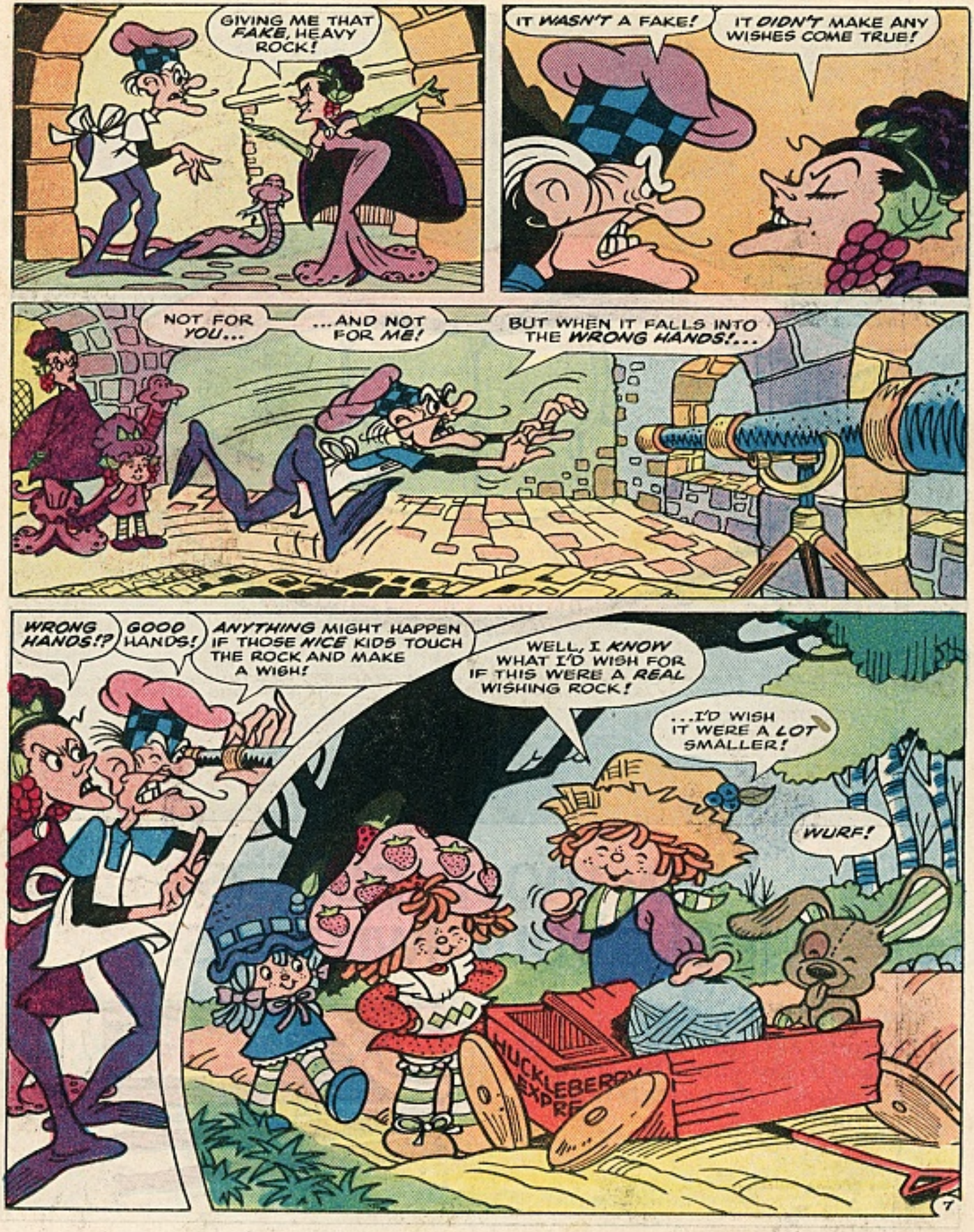
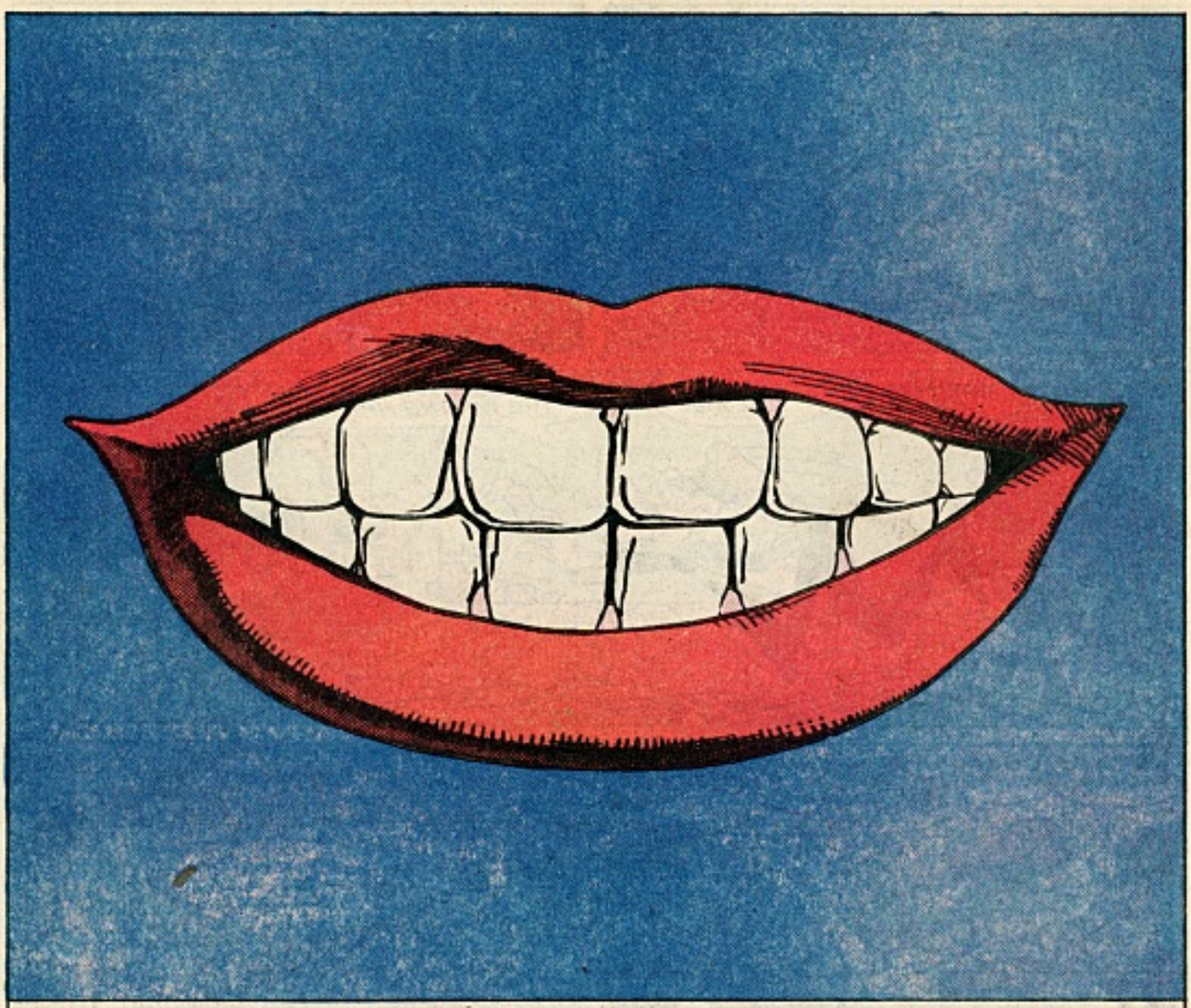

GIVING ME THAT FAKE, HEAVY ROCK!
IT WASN'T A FAKE!
IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY WISHES COME TRUE!
NOT FOR YOU...
...AND NOT FOR ME!
BUT WHEN IT FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS!...
WRONG HANDS!?
GOOD HANDS!
ANYTHING MIGHT HAPPEN IF THOSE NICE KIDS TOUCH THE ROCK AND MAKE A WISH!
WELL, I KNOW WHAT I'D WISH FOR IF THIS WERE A REAL WISHING ROCK!
...I'D WISH IT WERE A LOT SMALLER!
WURF!
HUCKLEBERRY EXPRESS



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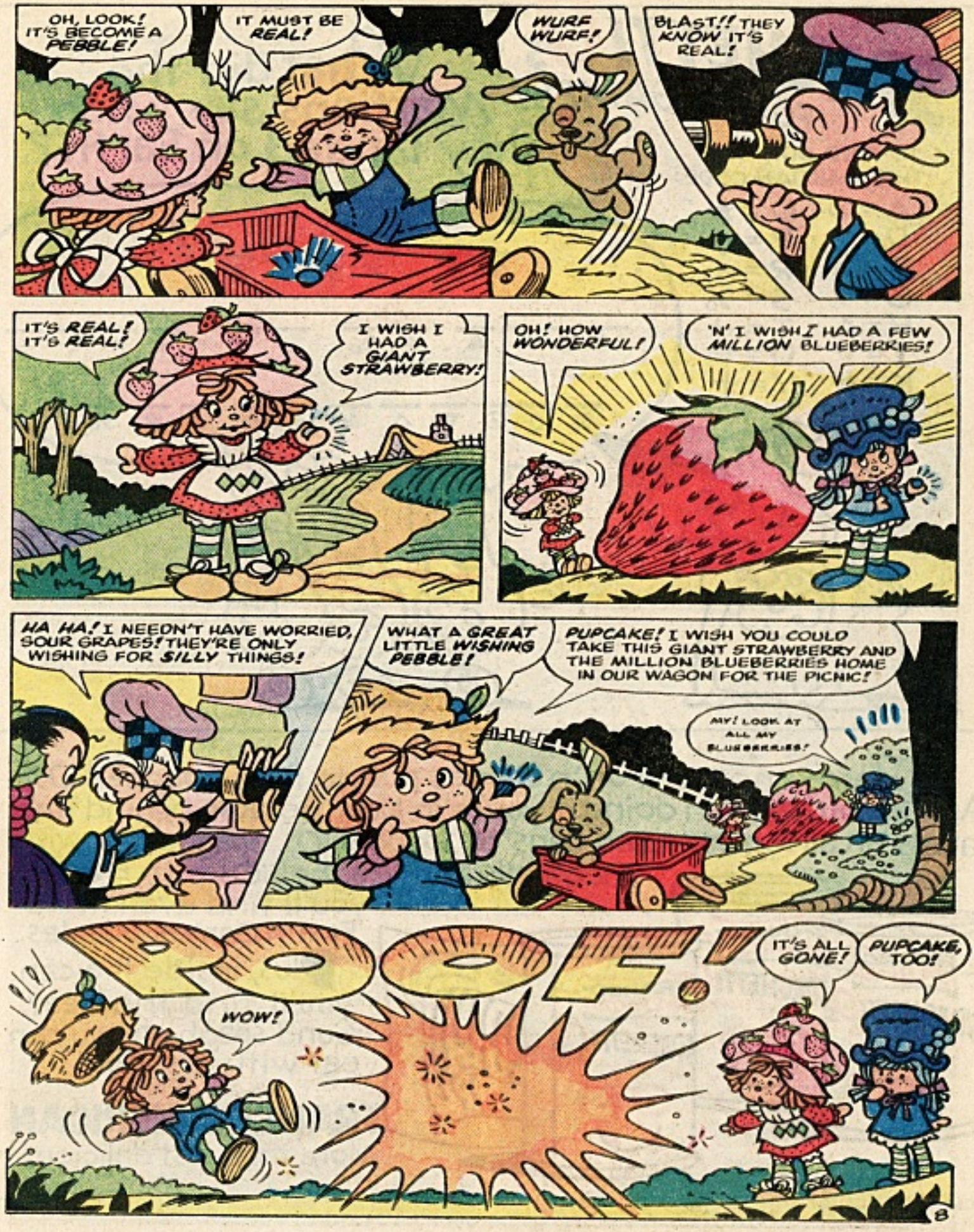
OH, LOOK! IT'S BECOME A PEBBLE!
IT MUST BE REAL!
WURF WURF!
BLAST!! THEY KNOW IT'S REAL!
IT'S REAL! IT'S REAL!
I WISH I HAD A GIANT STRAWBERRY!
OH! HOW WONDERFUL!
'N' I WISH I HAD A FEW MILLION BLUEBERRIES!
HA HA! I NEEDN'T HAVE WORRIED, SOUR GRAPES! THEY'RE ONLY WISHING FOR SILLY THINGS!
WHAT A GREAT LITTLE WISHING PEBBLE!
PUPCAKE! I WISH YOU COULD TAKE THIS GIANT STRAWBERRY AND THE MILLION BLUEBERRIES HOME IN OUR WAGON FOR THE PICNIC!
MY! LOOK AT ALL MY BLUEBERRIES!
ROOF!
WOW!
IT'S ALL GONE!
PUPCAKE, TOO!

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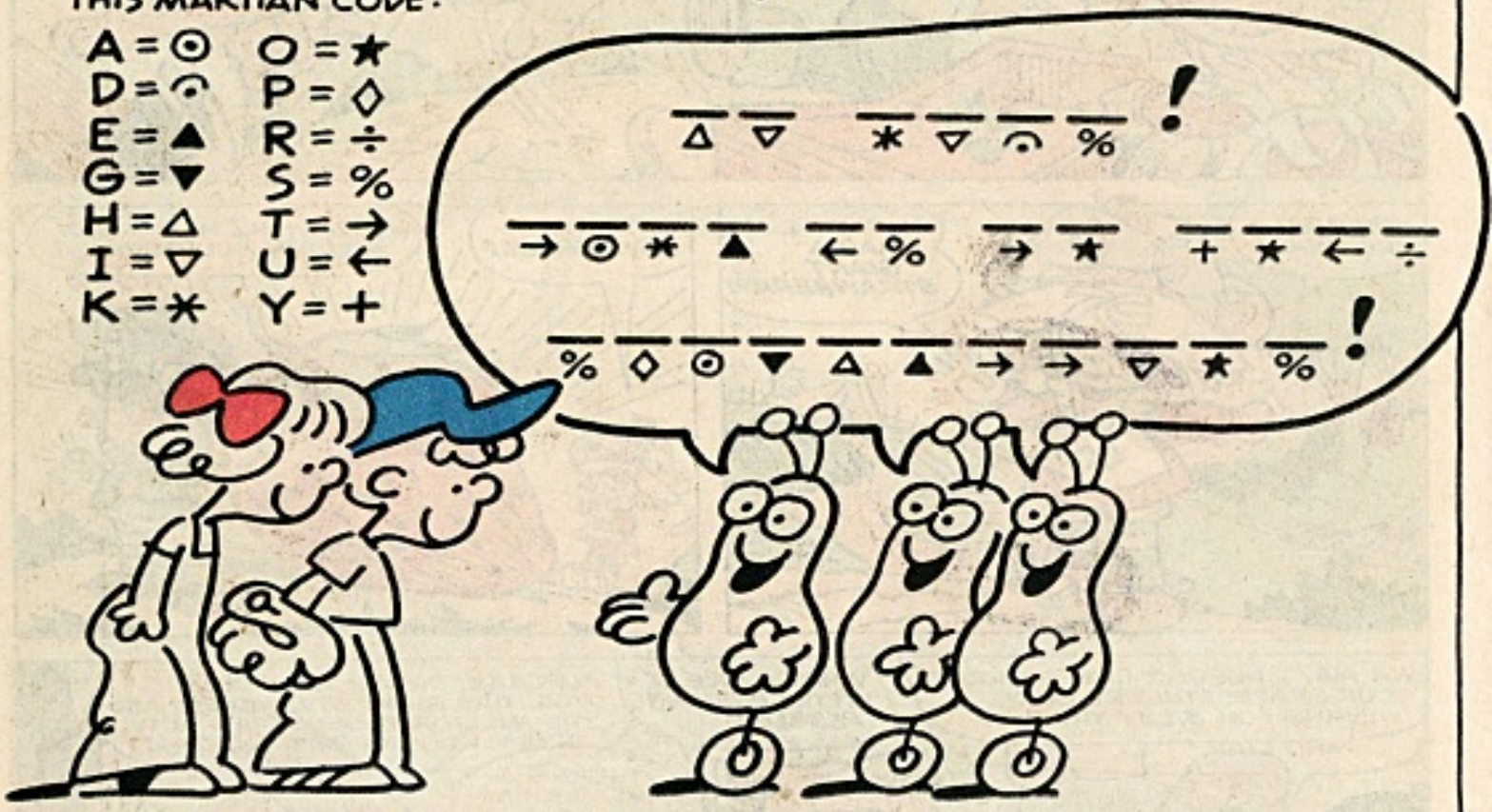

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I WISH THIS WERE A REAL TREASURE MAP!
HM!
OH! HIS WISHES ARE SO STRONG!!
PURPY! YOU LEFT YOUR TELESCOPE TOO SOON! THEY HAVE A REAL TREASURE MAP!
WHAT!? LET ME SEE!
THIS SURE LOOKS REAL! "BEYOND THE UP AND DOWN MOUNTAINS LIES THE DRAGON'S CAVE!"
THERE'S MORE WRITING! LET ME READ IT, HUCKLEBERRY PIE!
"ONLY THE BRAVE CAN ENTER THE CAVE WHERE FIRE GUARDS FIRE FROM KNAVE, THIEF AND LIAR!"
BRRR! THAT'S SCARY!
I CAN READ THEIR LIPS...
THERE'S A TREASURE IN THE DRAGON'S CAVE AND I'M GOING TO GET IT!
...BEFORE THOSE KIDS DO!
WAIT! I'LL GO WITH YOU!
NO! NO!
LET ME GO, DREGS!
YOUR HUMBLE SERPENT BEGS TO EXPLAIN!

YOUR HUMBLE SERPENT KNOWS OF THE DRAGON CAVE!
IF THE PIEMAN GETS THERE FIRST...
...A FIERY DRAGON WILL SIZZLE HIM!
HIM? HMM!
YOU KNOW, RAISIN CANE... IF PURPY FAILS TO RETURN, THIS CASTLE DOES HAVE POSSIBILITIES!
OH, AUNTIE! IF IT WERE OURS, COULD I HAVE A STAIRWAY WITH A SLIDING BANNISTER?
OF COURSE! AND A PAINTING OF ME OVER THE MANTEL!
AHEM! HOW ABOUT YOUR HUMBLE SERPENT?
WITH MY LONG LEGS, I WILL OUTRUN THOSE LITTLE SWEET THINGS ON THEIR SHORT LEGS!
SHORT!
LEGS!
THE MAP SAYS THESE ARE THE UP AND DOWN MOUNTAINS!
ARE WE SUPPOSED TO CLIMB OVER THIS?
HA HA! I'VE CAUGHT UP TO THEM ALREADY!
ALREADY!
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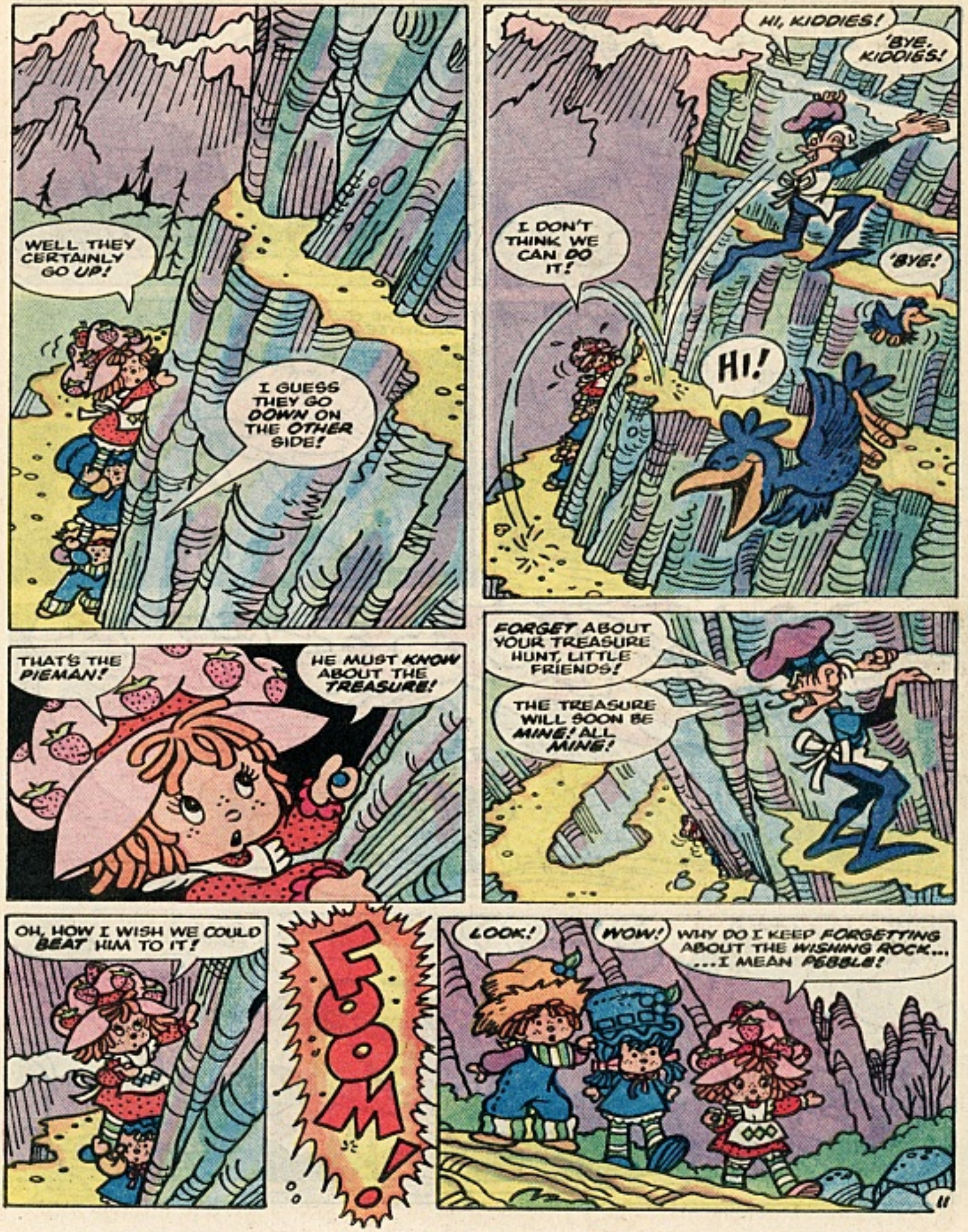
WELL THEY CERTAINLY GO UP!
I GUESS THEY GO DOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE!
HI, KIDDIES!
'BYE, KIDDIES!
I DON'T THINK WE CAN DO IT!
'BYE!
HI!
THAT'S THE PIEMAN!
HE MUST KNOW ABOUT THE TREASURE!
FORGET ABOUT YOUR TREASURE HUNT, LITTLE FRIENDS!
THE TREASURE WILL SOON BE MINE! ALL MINE!
OH, HOW I WISH WE COULD BEAT HIM TO IT!
FOOM!
LOOK!
WOW!
WHY DO I KEEP FORGETTING ABOUT THE WISHING ROCK... ...I MEAN PEBBLE!
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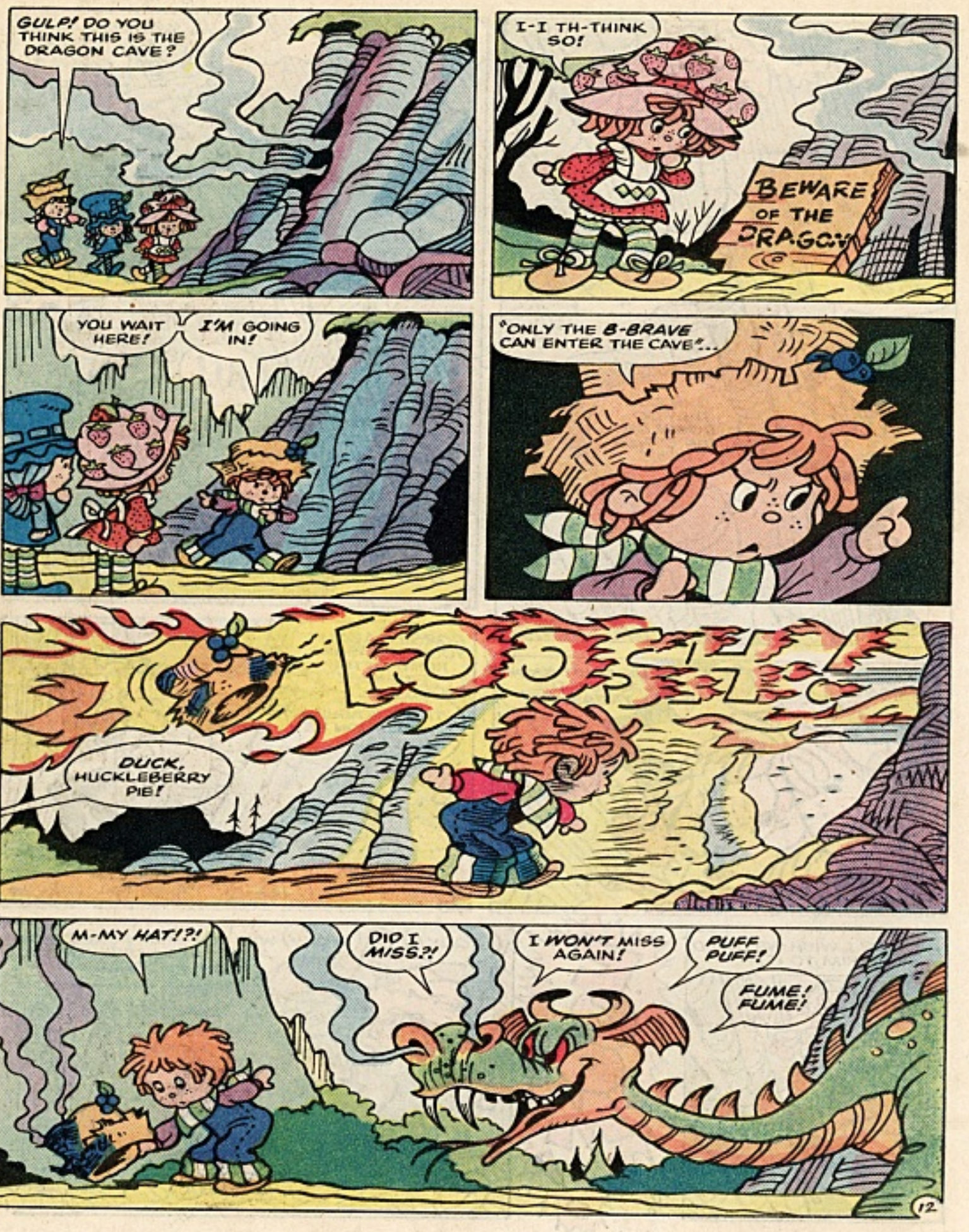
GULP! DO YOU THINK THIS IS THE DRAGON CAVE?
I-I TH-THINK SO!
BEWARE OF THE DRAGON
YOU WAIT HERE!
I'M GOING IN!
"ONLY THE B-BRAVE CAN ENTER THE CAVE"...
DUCK, HUCKLEBERRY PIE!
M-MY HAT!?!
DID I MISS?!
I WON'T MISS AGAIN!
PUFF PUFF!
FUME! FUME!
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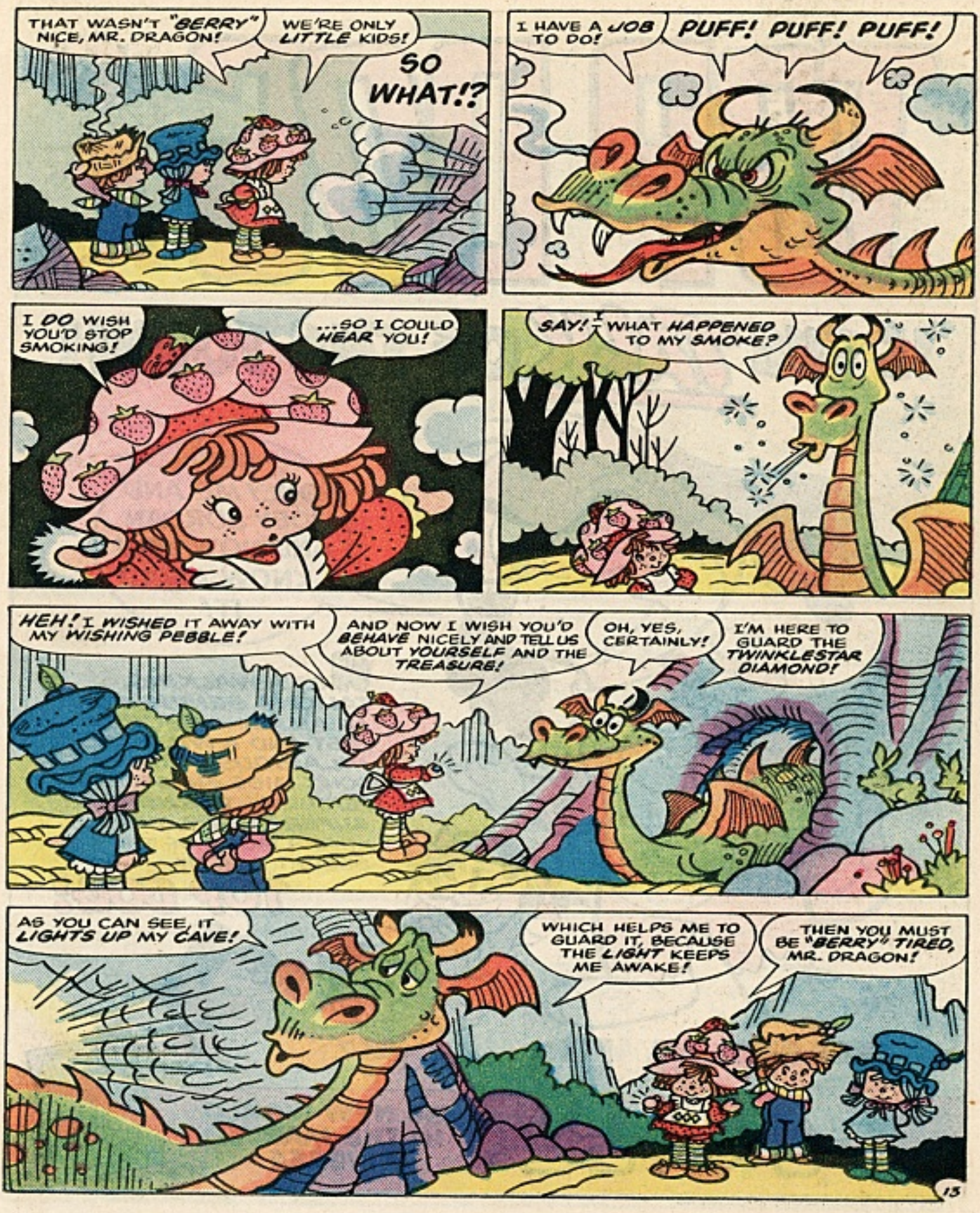
THAT WASN'T "BERRY" NICE, MR. DRAGON!
WE'RE ONLY LITTLE KIDS!
SO WHAT!?
I HAVE A JOB TO DO!
PUFF! PUFF! PUFF!
I DO WISH YOU'D STOP SMOKING!
...SO I COULD HEAR YOU!
SAY! WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SMOKE?
HEH! I WISHED IT AWAY WITH MY WISHING PEBBLE!
AND NOW I WISH YOU'D BEHAVE NICELY AND TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AND THE TREASURE!
OH, YES, CERTAINLY!
I'M HERE TO GUARD THE TWINKLESTAR DIAMOND!
AS YOU CAN SEE, IT LIGHTS UP MY CAVE!
WHICH HELPS ME TO GUARD IT, BECAUSE THE LIGHT KEEPS ME AWAKE!
THEN YOU MUST BE "BERRY" TIRED, MR. DRAGON!
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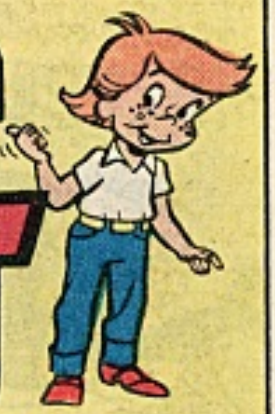

IS THE TALK OF THE TOWN!

BUT ONLY ME AND JOEY JORDAN AND NOW *YOU* KNOW ABOUT IT!

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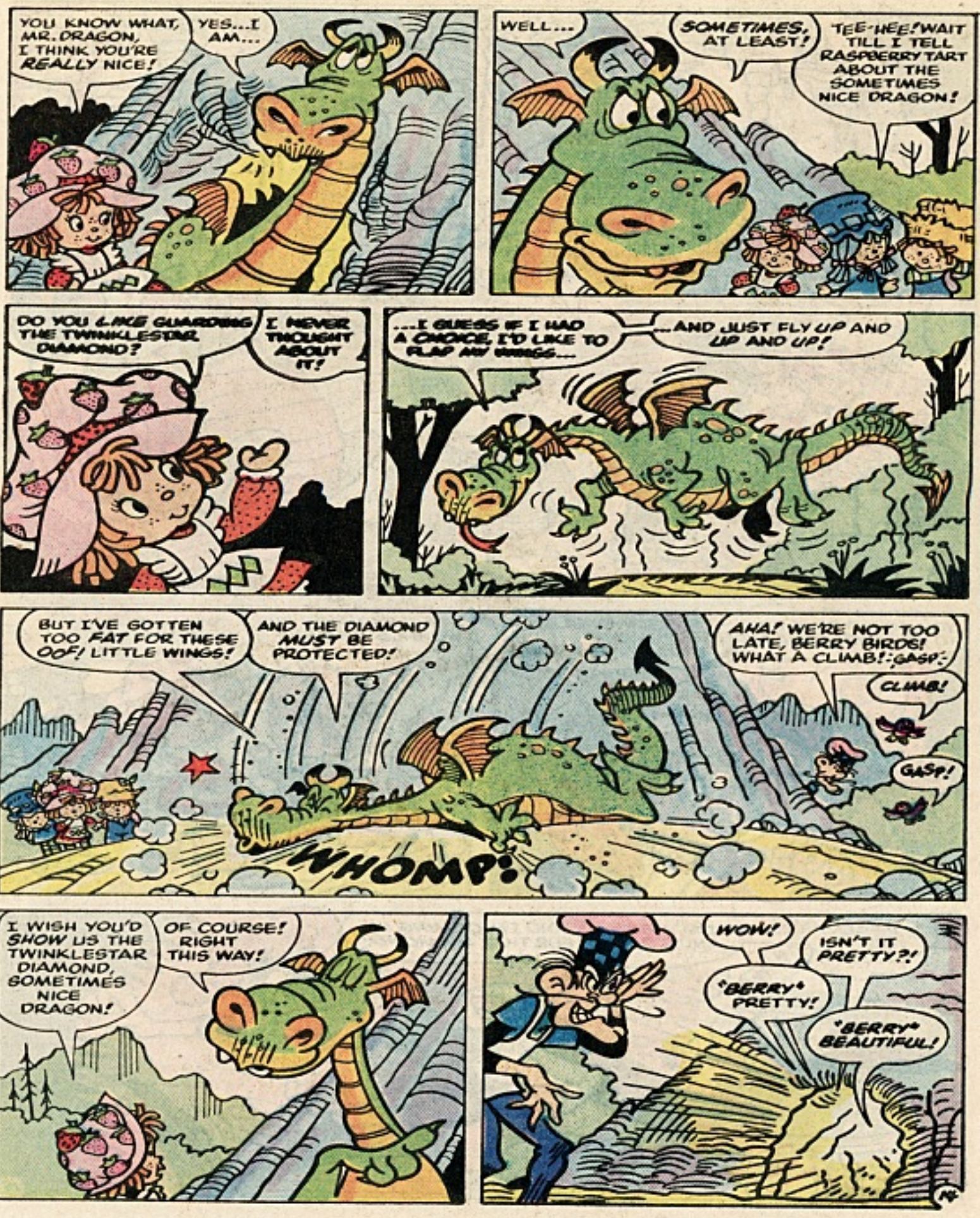
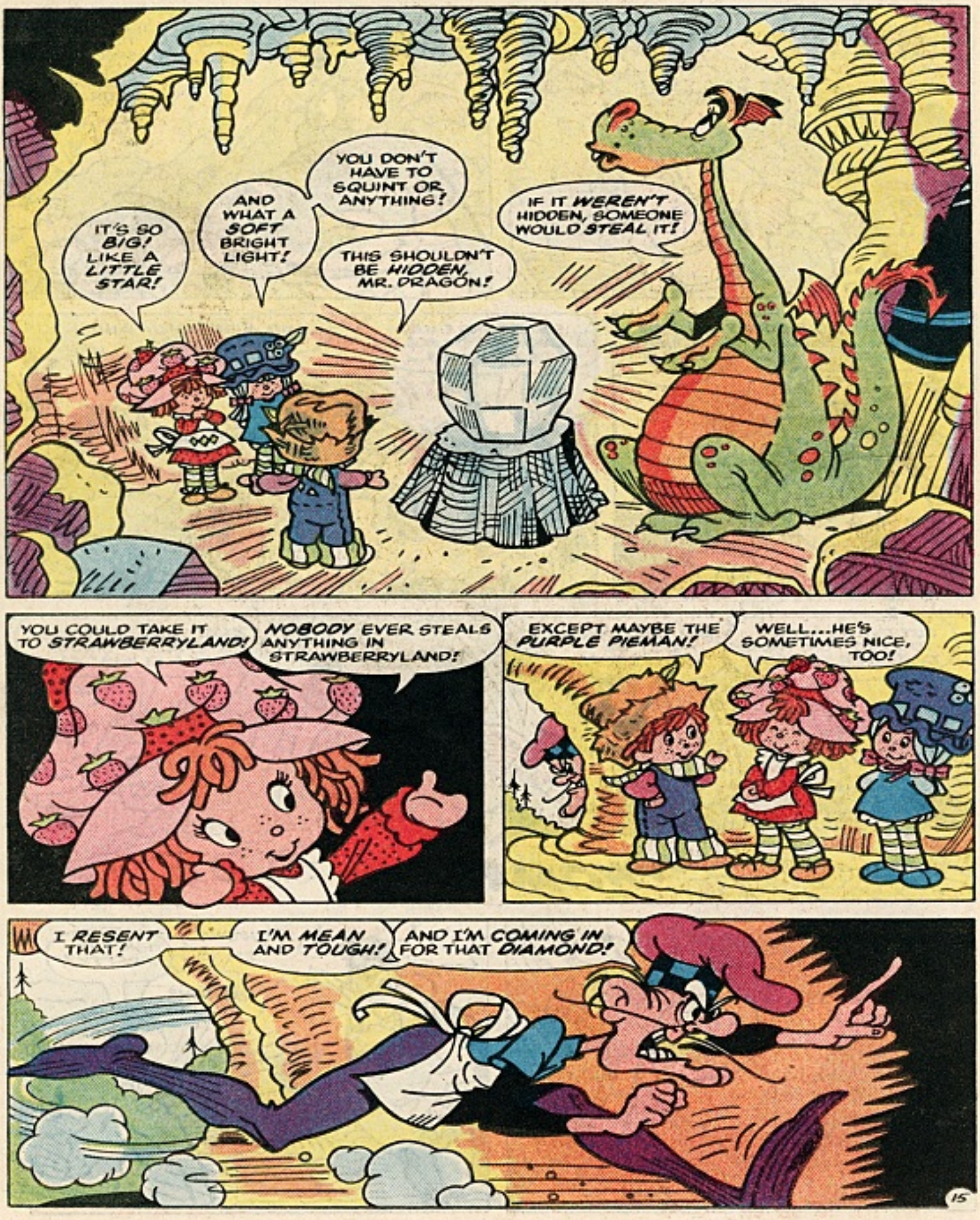

YOU KNOW WHAT, MR. DRAGON, I THINK YOU'RE REALLY NICE!
YES...I AM...
WELL...
SOMETIMES, AT LEAST!
TEE-HEE! WAIT TILL I TELL RASPBERRY TART ABOUT THE SOMETIMES NICE DRAGON!
DO YOU LIKE GUARDING THE TWINKLESTAR DIAMOND?
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT!
...I GUESS IF I HAD A CHOICE, I'D LIKE TO FLAP MY WINGS...
...AND JUST FLY UP AND UP AND UP!
BUT I'VE GOTTEN TOO FAT FOR THESE OOF! LITTLE WINGS!
AND THE DIAMOND MUST BE PROTECTED!
AHA! WE'RE NOT TOO LATE, BERRY BIRDS! WHAT A CLIMB! GASP!
CLIMB!
GASP!
WHOMP!
I WISH YOU'D SHOW US THE TWINKLESTAR DIAMOND, SOMETIMES NICE DRAGON!
OF COURSE! RIGHT THIS WAY!
WOW!
ISN'T IT PRETTY?!
"BERRY" PRETTY!
"BERRY" BEAUTIFUL!


IT'S SO BIG! LIKE A LITTLE STAR!
AND WHAT A SOFT BRIGHT LIGHT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SQUINT OR ANYTHING!
THIS SHOULDN'T BE HIDDEN, MR. DRAGON!
IF IT WEREN'T HIDDEN, SOMEONE WOULD STEAL IT!
YOU COULD TAKE IT TO STRAWBERRYLAND!
NOBODY EVER STEALS ANYTHING IN STRAWBERRYLAND!
EXCEPT MAYBE THE PURPLE PIEMAN!
WELL...HE'S SOMETIMES NICE, TOO!
I RESENT THAT!
I'M MEAN AND TOUGH!
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YIPE!
HAAA?

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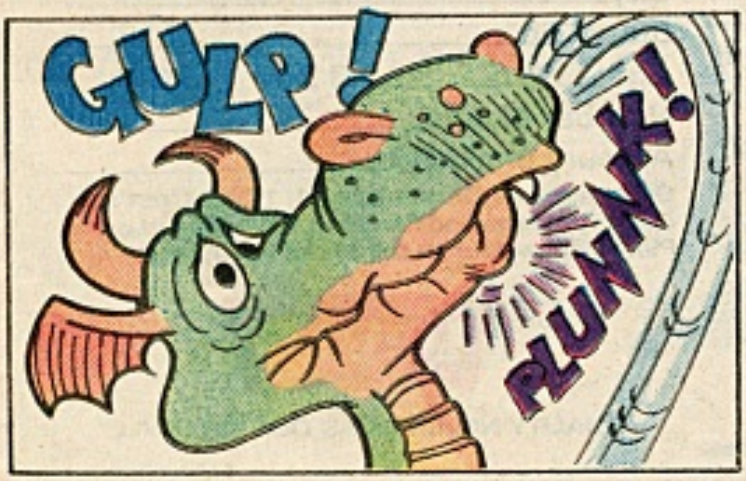
SNAP!
TH-THE WISHING PEBBLE!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I WISH YOU'D ALL DISAPPEAR AND THE CAVE WOULD SEAL ITSELF UP AND I'D GET NICE AND THIN SO I COULD FLY!
HA! NOTHING'S HAPPENING, DRAGON!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO BE MORE THAN SOMETIMES NICE TO MAKE THE WISHING ROCK WORK!
HAAA!
HA-HAW! SMOKE! YOU'RE SMOKING LIKE AN OLD COOK STOVE!
THE WISHING PEBBLE IS STUCK IN MY THROAT!
IT'S BLOCKING MY FIRE!
COFF!
COFF!
COFF!
COFF! IT WON'T COME OUT! COFF!
LET ME HELP YOU, MR. DRAGON!
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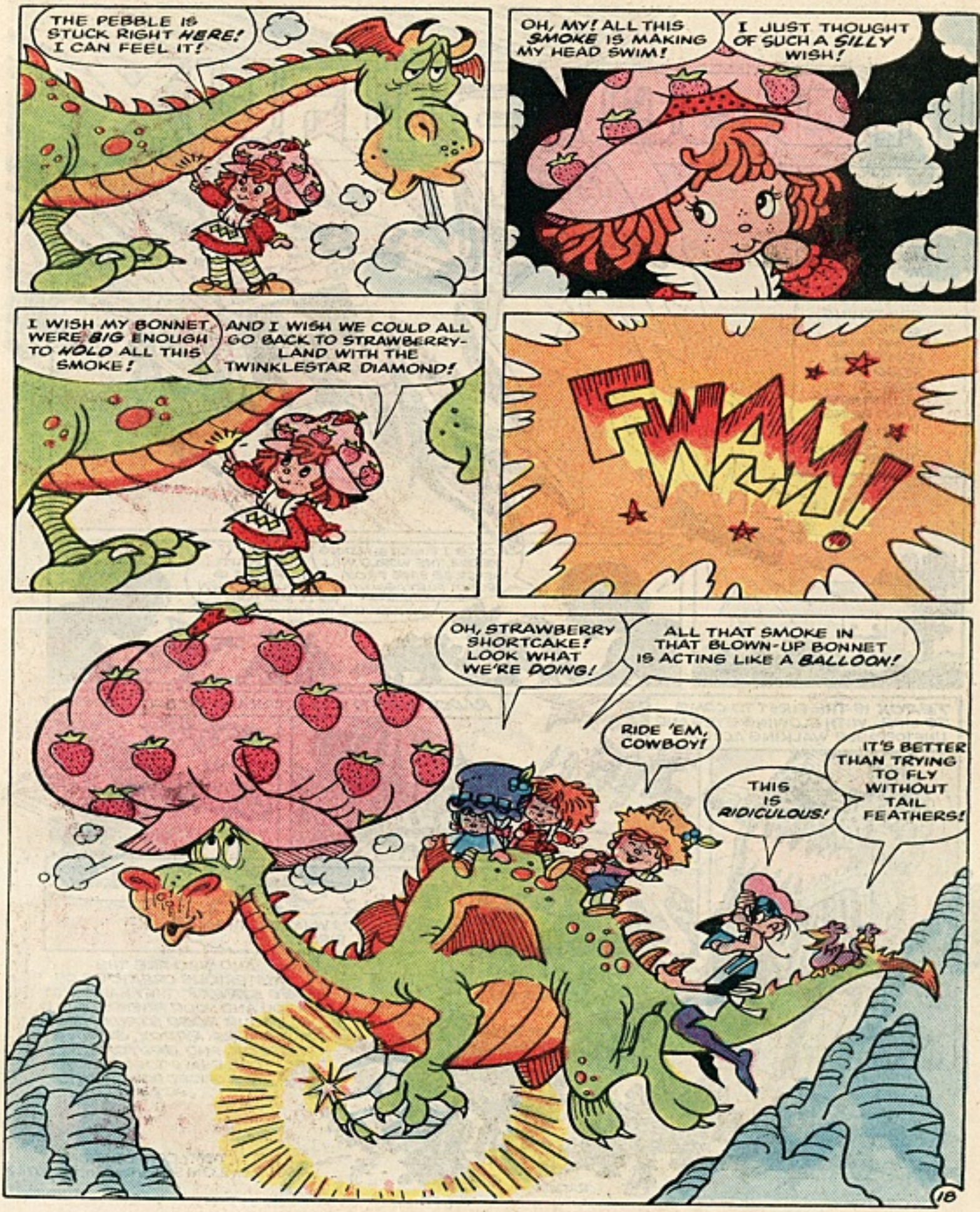
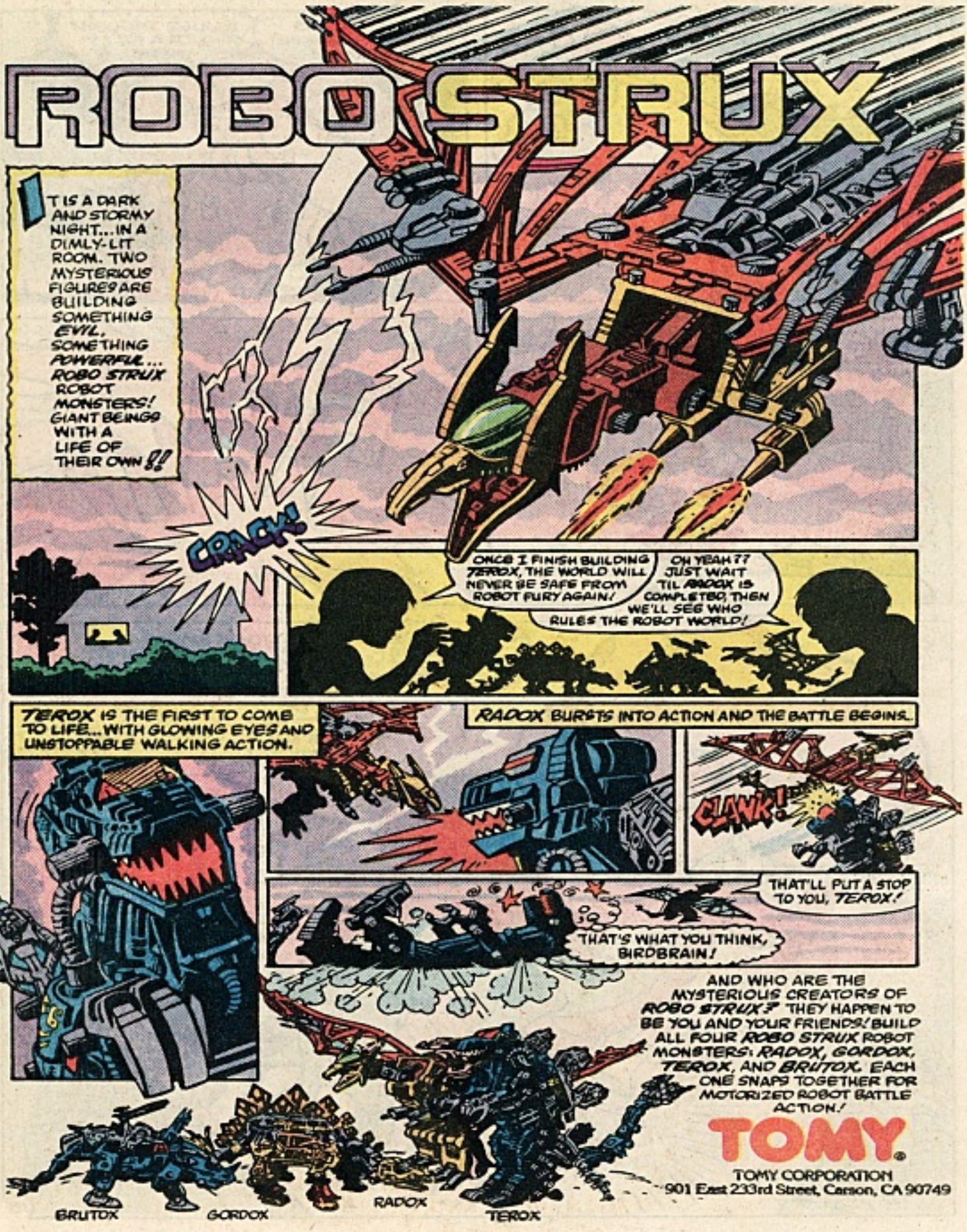

THE PEBBLE IS STUCK RIGHT HERE! I CAN FEEL IT!
OH, MY! ALL THIS SMOKE IS MAKING MY HEAD SWIM!
I JUST THOUGHT OF SUCH A SILLY WISH!
I WISH MY BONNET WERE BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD ALL THIS SMOKE!
AND I WISH WE COULD ALL GO BACK TO STRAWBERRY-LAND WITH THE TWINKLESTAR DIAMOND!
FWAM!
OH, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE! LOOK WHAT WE'RE DOING!
ALL THAT SMOKE IN THAT BLOWN-UP BONNET IS ACTING LIKE A BALLOON!
RIDE 'EM, COWBOY!
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
IT'S BETTER THAN TRYING TO FLY WITHOUT TAIL FEATHERS!


ROBO STRUX
IT IS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT... IN A DIMLY-LIT ROOM. TWO MYSTERIOUS FIGURES ARE BUILDING SOMETHING EVIL, SOMETHING POWERFUL... ROBO STRUX ROBOT MONSTERS! GIANT BEINGS WITH A LIFE OF THEIR OWN!!
CRACK!
ONCE I FINISH BUILDING TEROX, THE WORLD WILL NEVER BE SAFE FROM ROBOT FURY AGAIN!
OH YEAH?? JUST WAIT TIL RADOX IS COMPLETED, THEN WE'LL SEE WHO RULES THE ROBOT WORLD!
TEROX IS THE FIRST TO COME TO LIFE... WITH GLOWING EYES AND UNSTOPPABLE WALKING ACTION.
RADOX BURSTS INTO ACTION AND THE BATTLE BEGINS.
CLANK!
THAT'LL PUT A STOP TO YOU, TEROX!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, BIRDBRAIN!
AND WHO ARE THE MYSTERIOUS CREATORS OF ROBO STRUX? THEY HAPPEN TO BE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS! BUILD ALL FOUR ROBO STRUX ROBOT MONSTERS: RADOX, GORDOX, TEROX, AND BRUTOX. EACH ONE SNAPS TOGETHER FOR MOTORIZED ROBOT BATTLE ACTION!
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BRUTOX
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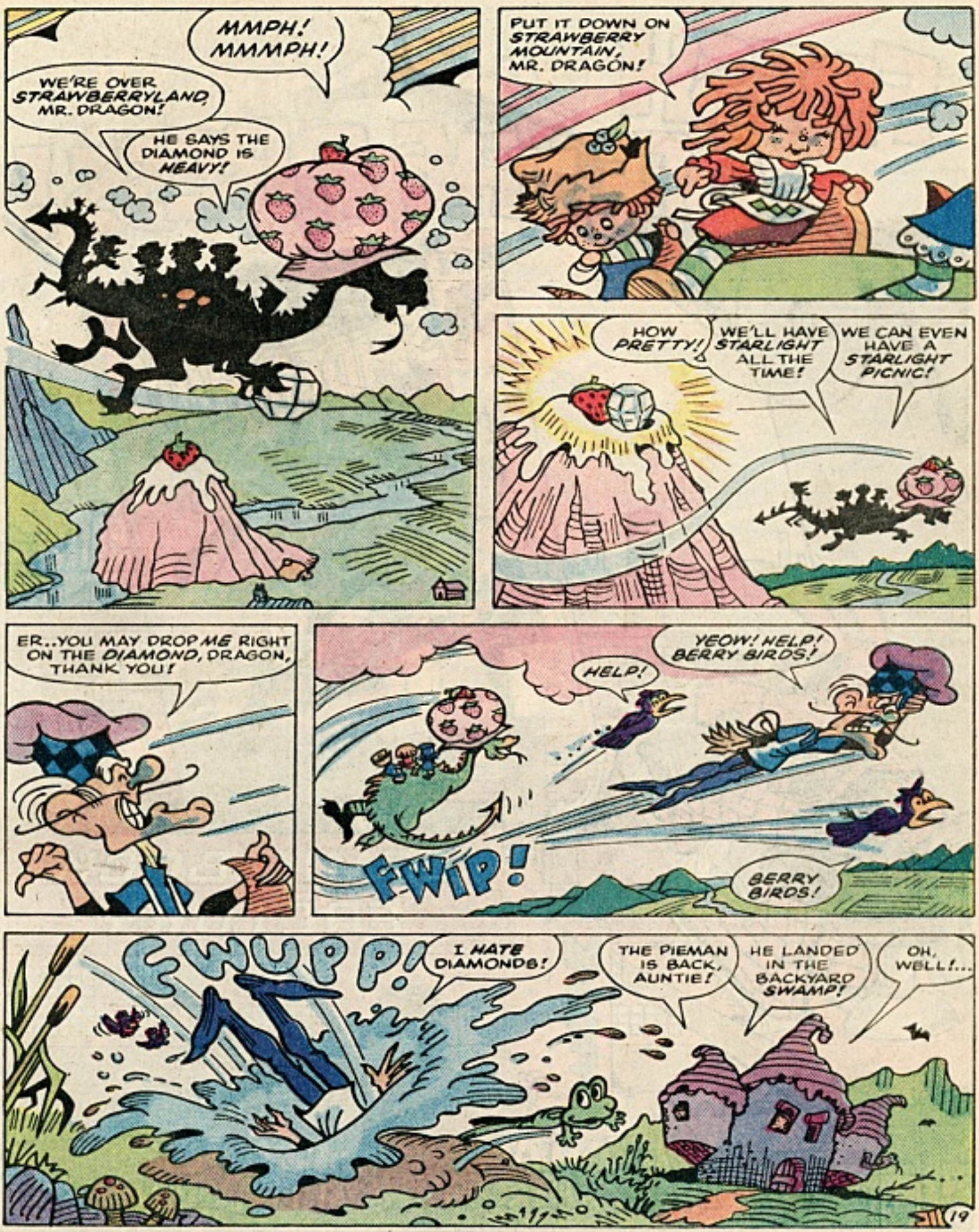
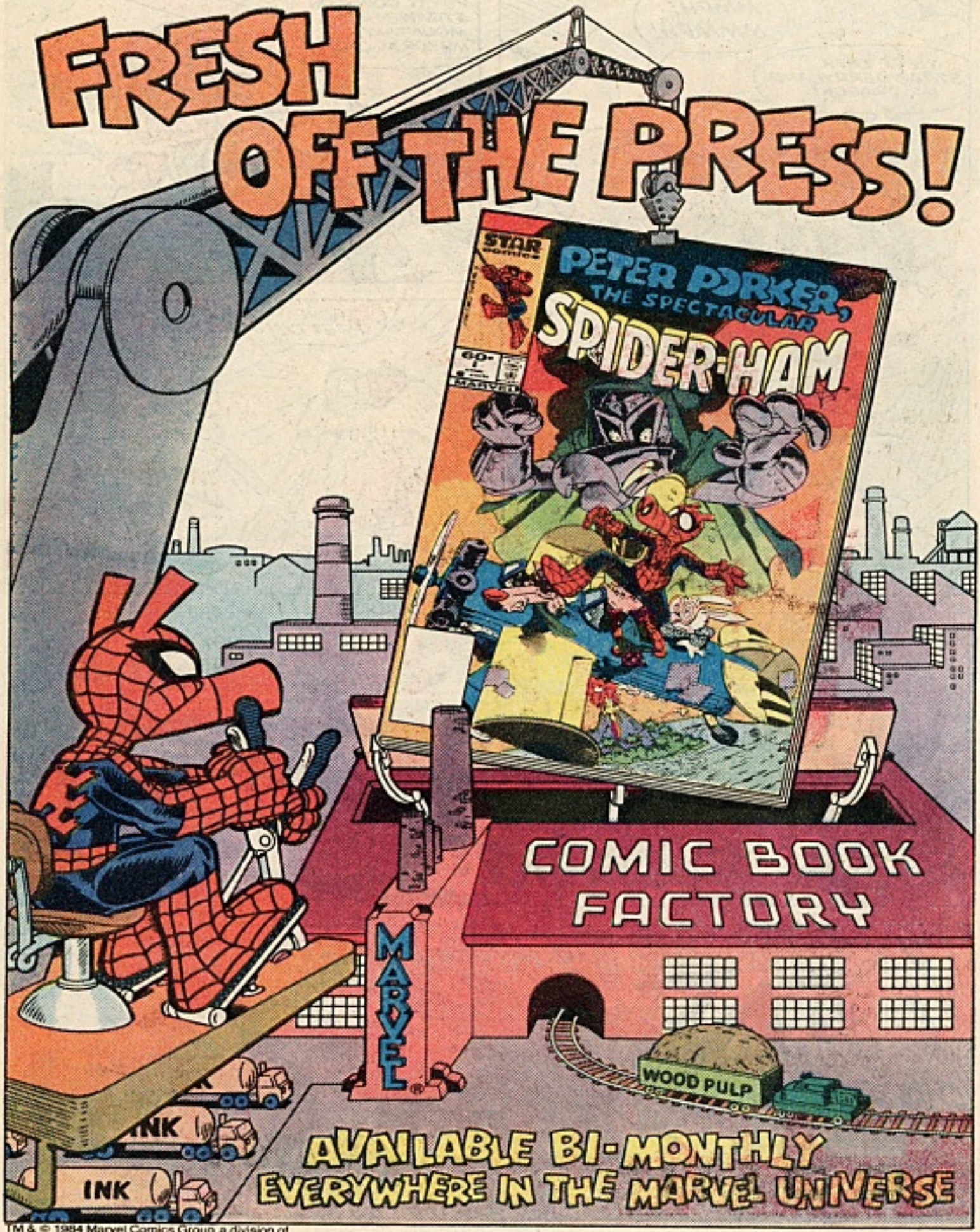
RADOX
TEROX


MMPH! MMMPH!
WE'RE OVER STRAWBERRYLAND, MR. DRAGON!
HE SAYS THE DIAMOND IS HEAVY!
PUT IT DOWN ON STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN, MR. DRAGON!
HOW PRETTY!
WE'LL HAVE STARLIGHT ALL THE TIME!
WE CAN EVEN HAVE A STARLIGHT PICNIC!
ER..YOU MAY DROP ME RIGHT ON THE DIAMOND, DRAGON, THANK YOU!
YEOW! HELP! BERRY BIRDS!
HELP!
FWIP!
BERRY BIRDS!
EWUPP!
I HATE DIAMONDS!
THE PIEMAN IS BACK, AUNTIE!
HE LANDED IN THE BACKYARD SWAMP!
OH, WELL!...



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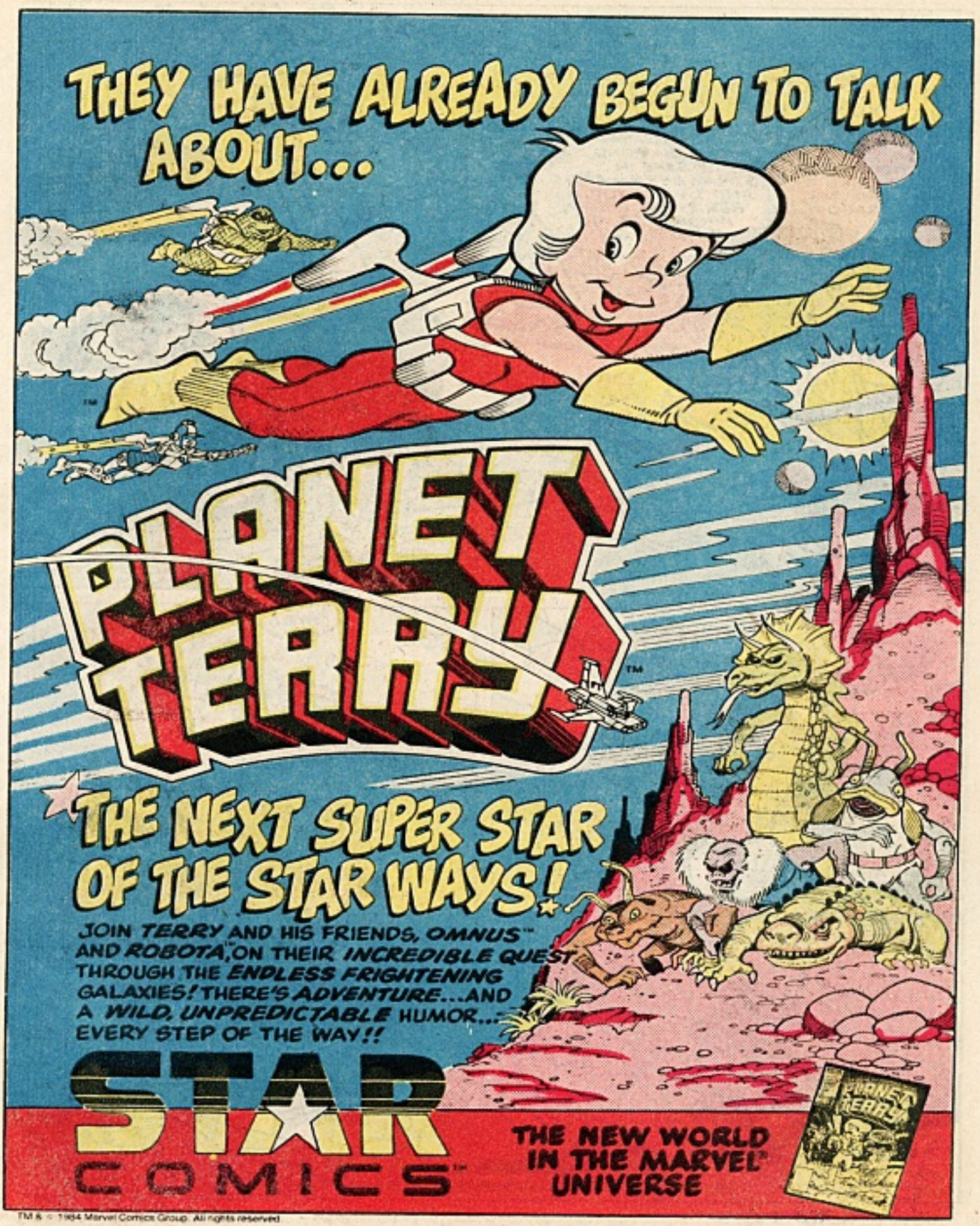

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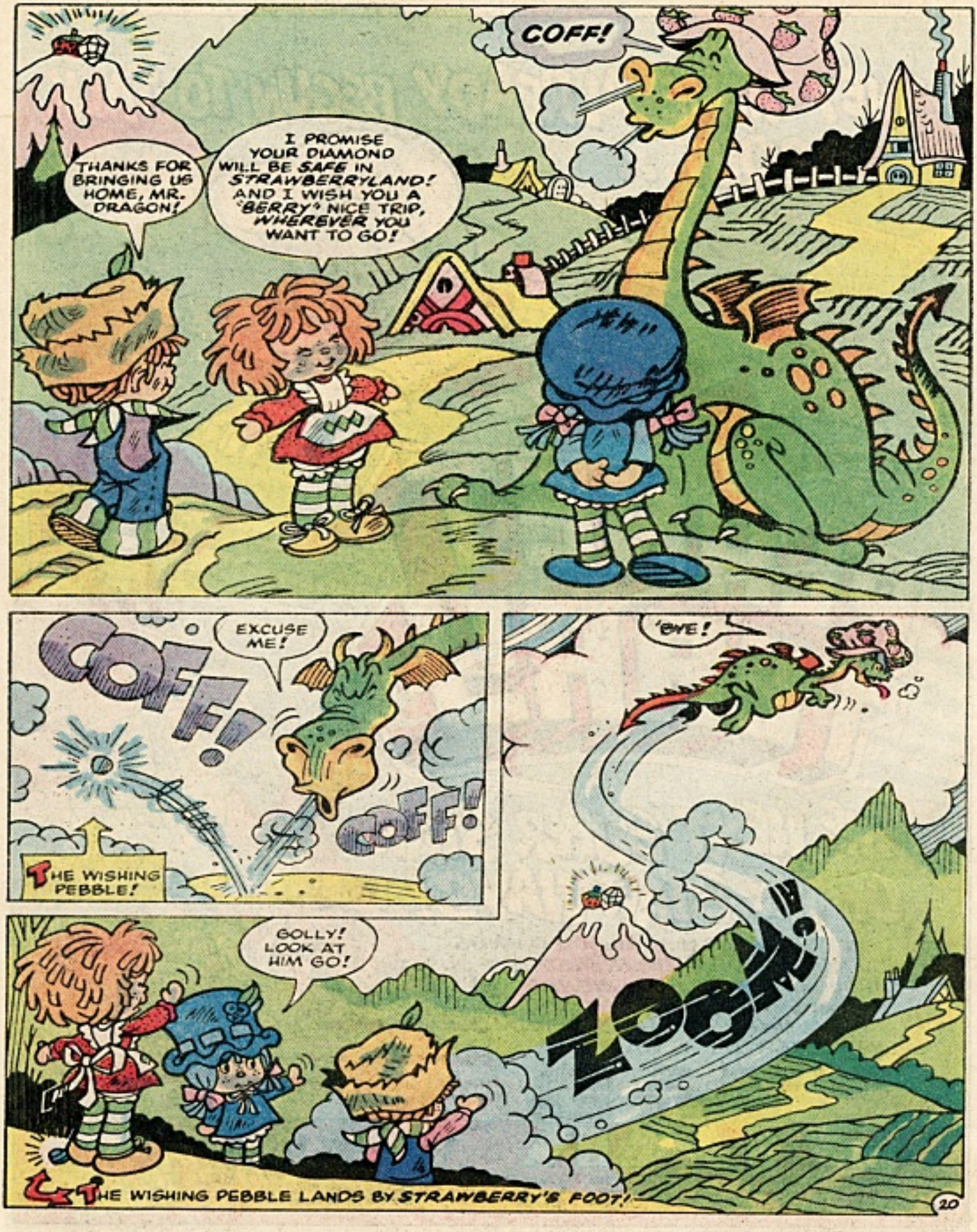
COFF!
THANKS FOR BRINGING US HOME, MR. DRAGON!
I PROMISE YOUR DIAMOND WILL BE SAFE IN STRAWBERRYLAND! AND I WISH YOU A 'BERRY' NICE TRIP, WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO!
COFF!
EXCUSE ME!
COFF!
COFF!
THE WISHING PEBBLE!
'BYE!
GOLLY! LOOK AT HIM GO!
ZOOM!
THE WISHING PEBBLE LANDS BY STRAWBERRY'S FOOT!

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!
HUCKLEBERRY PIE!
BLUEBERRY MUFFIN!
WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE BACK IN TIME FOR THE PICNIC!

PUPCAKE BROUGHT US A GIANT STRAWBERRY AND A MILLION BLUEBERRIES!
AND DID YOU SEE THE NEW STAR ON STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN?!

BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CLOTHES?!
OH, LOOK AT US!!
THE DRAGON'S SMOKE SOILED OUR CLOTHES, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BLUEBERRY MUFFIN! JUST LOOK AT US!

OH, I SURE WISH WE COULD GET ALL NEW CLOTHES!
EVEN A NEW LOOK!
YEAH...
LOOK! THE WISHING PEBBLE!!

OH MY COSH! LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED TO US!
FOOM!
AND JUST WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE "BERRY" NEXT ISSUE!
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